

AERO CLUB IN FIRST TEST FIGHT

Organization Insists that Only Licensed Aviators Take Part in Los Angeles Ascensions.

(Special from United Press.) Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The first battle that may test the standing of the Aero Club of America and its right to lay down rules for the holding of ascension contests and meetings, will probably occur in this city. The Aero Club, after a long delay, granted permission for a series of airplane contests in this city, but specified that all those taking part must be licensed aviators, holding licenses from the Aero Club. Many other rigid stipulations were laid down for the management of the contests and Los Angeles people were told that unless these stipulations were carried out, sanction would be withheld.

The Merchants & Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles today announced that, regardless of the action of the Aero Club of America, and even if a license were withheld, the meeting would occur from January 10 to 20. To bar unlicensed aviators, the association declares, would "be a bar to the participation of the best airplane manipulators and might act as a bar to Glenn Curtiss, Louis Paulhan, the Frenchman, and a number of other French aviators."

NEWTOWN.

Mrs. Roberts and Miss Lulu Roberts left today for Ludlow, Mass., where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

The Social Club of the Newtown High School held their December meet at Glover's hall, Sandy Hook, Thursday evening. A large gathering was present and a very pleasant evening passed.

Attorney George E. H. Bridgeport, called on Newtown friends, Thursday.

Herman Tiemann, Jr., who figured in a runaway accident in Danbury a few days ago, is able to be about.

A whist for the benefit of the Newtown Library will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 1.

The children of Middle District school under the direction of Miss Catherine Murphy enjoyed their Christmas tree exercises Friday afternoon, with their parents and friends. A neat, short program was presented, consisting of songs, recitations, and reading by the little tots, each of whom did much better than had been expected. Arthur J. Smith made a real funny Santa and presented the happy children with their many presents.

Miss Catherine Murphy will spend the holidays with her parents in Brookfield.

Charles E. Cook, principal of the High school, has gone to Harrisburg, Pa., for the holidays.

FINGER TIPS SEVERED. John Motik, of 100 Garden street, had the tips of three fingers dressed by Dr. E. C. Krause at the emergency hospital, this morning. The tips had been shaved off.

DIED.

ELBIG.—In this city, Dec. 23, 1909, Elsie Helbig, beloved wife of Frederick H. Helbig, aged 53 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 63 Winter street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m., and from St. Joseph's church at 3 p. m.

Interment at Lakeview cemetery.

BECHERER.—In this city, Dec. 23, 1909, Frederick Becherer, aged 73 years, 6 months, 12 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the late residence of his son Mr. August G. Baker, 1570 Seaview avenue on Sunday, Dec. 26th, at 2:30 o'clock. Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

DONDERO.—In this city, Dec. 24, 1909, Mary, widow of Stephen Dondero, aged 55 years, 4 months, 15 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, Chestnut Hill, on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

Burial in Long Hill cemetery.

WAKELEY.—In Chestnut Hill, Trumbull, Dec. 22, 1909, David A. Wakeley, aged 55 years, 4 months, 15 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, Chestnut Hill, on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

Burial in Long Hill cemetery.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.—Value considered is profitable in the purchase of Books and Stationery, Founts, Pens, Desk Fittings, Calendars, Bibles, Prayer Books, Leather Goods, and Books for Everybody. S. on JACKSON'S BOOK SHOP, 926-928 MAIN STREET, for the reason that the store's light, large and airy. Money expended here will buy many acceptable gifts. A very complete collection of the newest books in fiction, history, travel, biography and all sorts of books for young folks as well as young men and women. The Waterman Fountain Pen just slips in a man's pocket with a great degree of satisfaction. Desk Fittings, Stationery is also complete and useful. First line of Art Calendars in the City. A call and inspection will convince you of this statement. Games, Bibles, Prayer Books, and lots of gifts at modest prices at Jackson's.

ELKS' HOME IN STATE WAITING TO BREAK DOWN STORY OF YOUNG BRANCH

Special Arrangements for Entertainment This Evening—Turkeys to Be Distributed—Music and Refreshments.

Tonight and tomorrow the Elks will hold forth at their new home in State street and the House and Entertainment Committees have planned several diversions that will surely score with the members. The interior of the spacious club house has been handsomely decorated with holly and Christmas greens and the antlers on the Elks heads throughout the building have been studied with miniature electric bulbs so that when lighted the effect is most pleasing.

This evening there will be a substantial lunch provided in the grill room and baskets filled with native turkeys and the concomitants will be distributed to the members. In the dining alcove several of the best bowlers will select picked teams to compete for special prizes and in the pool and billiard departments there will be contests worth while.

The House committee comprises William E. Burnham, Joseph C. Ivers, William R. Abernethy, Henry P. Lyons and Nathan C. Herz. The Entertainment committee comprises G. T. McCarthy, John Hatz Eddie McLean, W. J. Lee and W. L. Gould. These committees will be on the job tonight and tomorrow.

Sunday afternoon the special committee named to arrange for the dedication of the new lodge hall of Waterbury lodge on Monday evening, Jan. 3 will meet to organize and appoint a work week. The committee will probably procure a special train for that occasion. The committee comprises: P. E. R. William V. Devitt, chairman; Sheriff Thomas J. Cunningham, Dr. C. A. Ryder, Hugh Lavery, Captain Christopher Finnegan, Dr. Philip J. McLaughlin, Peter Musante, Isaac Williams, Matthew J. Maloney, W. R. Hurley, A. A. Doty, Jerome Schreud, William H. Brown, Oswald Prantzen, J. H. Colgan, Charles H. Hinman, Frank E. Clark, Samuel Spielman, Fred C. Mullins and Joseph P. Coughlin.

Former Bridgeporter Was Buried Today.

John E. Cox, at One Time on Bridgeport Standard, Died Suddenly.

The funeral of John E. Cox, a former resident of this city, who died in Paterson, N. J., on Wednesday, was held here this morning. The body was taken to Hartford for burial in St. Benedict cemetery upon the arrival of the 2:30 p. m. train from New York. Mr. Cox was for many years a resident of Hartford being at one time the dining room clerk and later a bookkeeper in the office of the "Hartford Times." From there he came to the office of the "Bridgeport Standard" where he remained a year, making many friends in the business and social circles, and then returned to Hartford and entered the employ of the Fowler & Miller Printing company. Later he was business manager of the "Catholic Transcript."

He lived in Bloomfield at one time and held the office of town clerk. He leaves his wife, a son, John E. Cox, and a daughter, Miss Anna L. Cox, all living at No. 582 Broad street, Hartford. A son, William Cox, who lives in New York and a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Schaffer.

FUNERAL OF "LITTLE TIN"

ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST REPRESENTATIVE EVER HELD IN AMERICA.

(Special from the United Press.) New York, Dec. 24.—Bovary characters and Wall Street financiers, rabid Republicans and partisan Democrats; church workers and the highest of a cosmopolitan city life, rubbed elbows today to pay a last tribute to the dead Albert. Were the dead man whose claim to distinction was that he played the game for all he knew how.

Long before daylight the crowds began to gather in the neighborhood of his late home on 12th street. The grief was shown by the hundreds of typical Boweryites who in life had been pensioners of the dead leader. It was the biggest funeral in the city since the funeral of the late John J. Astor.

The East Side has witnessed since the burial of the beloved Rabbi Joseph, when the police reserves of the entire city had to be called into service to force a way through the thronged streets to force a way for the cortege.

He held a job rent when my husband was taken away," sobbed a worn, tired-looking woman with tears streaming down her cheeks as she pushed forward toward the house just ahead of the delegation of city officials headed by Mayor McEllen.

He gave my father when the old man broke his leg and could not work," sobbed another, and that was the keynote of the feeling of "Tim's" neighbors as they pushed their way through the thronged streets to force a way for the cortege.

As the procession moved slowly through the streets to the church today, it was generally suspended until St. Anne's was reached and although the police reserves from most of the stations were on hand, they had little to do except to keep the crowd in line. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

STATE WAITING TO BREAK DOWN STORY OF YOUNG BRANCH

BE OFFERS ALIBI AS DEFENCE OF CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MATRICIDE.

Strange Actions of Youth Charged With Revolving Crime Attract Much Curious Attention on Part of Spectators.

Russell C. Branch of Danbury, on trial for assault with intent to murder his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Branch, made a complete denial of the charges when he was given a chance to tell his story to Judge Ralph Wheeler and the jury in the Criminal Superior Court yesterday afternoon. Branch's counsel, Attorney A. T. Bates will attempt to prove an alibi.

Branch's actions on the stand yesterday afternoon excited the attention of the spectators in the court room. Many asked if the man was mentally sound. Those who saw him in the morning grinning at the words of his aged mother, were even more surprised in the afternoon when he told his own story. He would pick out some one person in the room, and seemingly tell his story to that person. Then he would decide to rub his knuckles together, rub his hands vigorously up and down, followed by a long wave of his voice is weak, and quite peculiar very unlike a man's. He told his story, and denied that of his mother.

Branch in his testimony stated that he lived at 71 High street, Danbury, and was 28 years of age. He was born in New York state, and has resided in Danbury since 1907. He occupies anything that requires labor, with farm work a specialty. This summer he was the owner of property in Danbury which he sold on August 1st, coming to Bridgeport and then going to visit relatives in New York state, getting back to Danbury just before his mother died. On his way to see his mother, he had \$5 and instructions from his aunt, Mrs. Seely in New York. He called on his mother the second Sunday in October, inquiring at the store of Mr. Elwell to inquire as to where she resided. At that time he was suffering with swollen tonsils and could not speak very loud. On that account the conversation was very difficult, he having to write that he wished to say. He told his mother that he would call again when his throat was better.

The next time he called on his mother was on Sunday Oct. 17th. There was no response to his rap at her door. He was informed by a woman who appeared in the yard that Mrs. Branch was at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Butler. He said that he was arrested the next day, which was Monday, but did not know why till Tuesday.

Attorney Bates then brought the attention of his client down to the 11th of Oct. the date on which the assault was committed. The accused stated that on that date he was working for some Englishman, up to a knitting machine. He also worked for the same man on the 15th and 16th. He did not know of the assault on his mother till he was called to the police headquarters. He denied that he was at his mother's house the night of the 14th, nor had he ever purchased carbolic acid, or any time used any.

Branch stated that he was in New York state his aunt asked him to go back to live with his mother, to take care of her but he refused that was impossible, as it was out of the question for the two to live beneath the same roof. He was asked about kicking his mother in the ankle, causing her to seek medical attention. He said that he shoved his foot under the table toward his mother, after she had called him a Hun. He said that he had never seen a Hun, and that he had not resided with her in ten years. He stated that the last time they lived together was five years when they were both in the city of New York. He separated then as he was in debt.

Michael Bunold, keeper of a boarding house in Danbury testified that Branch had been at his place, that he remembered as being on the day when the police made a careful inquiry of all the facts. He knew that he had called Branch with the rest of the board, and that when Branch had gone to New York, the latter told him that he had rich relatives in that state, who if he returned he would be well taken care of. Branch never spoke to him of his mother, in fact he did not know that his mother was a resident of Danbury till the day of the arrest.

At 4 o'clock the court adjourned till Tuesday morning, when the state will call with the rebuttal on Branch's story.

POULTRY SHOW. NEXT WEEK TO BE REAL THING.

The announcement of the second annual exhibition of the Bridgeport Poultry, Pigeons & Pet Stock association, which will be held in the armory, Jan. 4, 5 and 6 has attracted a great deal of attention in this city and also in surrounding towns. The successful exhibition held last year is well remembered and it is expected that the coming event will even surpass that of last year.

A large number of entries have already been received by secretary G. J. Thayer, but he is receiving all and every exhibitor of poultry is welcome to contest for the premiums. It might also be mentioned that the list of premiums is the best that has ever been offered in an exhibition of this kind. There are 27 prizes and all of them are worth winning.

Entries will be accepted by the association on any generally recognized variety of poultry, pigeons, turkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits, ornamental fowl, hares, cats and any other variety of pet stock including toy dogs under 15 pounds. Entries must be made in the name of the actual owner of each specimen in this city and also accompanied by the list of exhibitors from awards of premiums.

Regular prizes for single classes of poultry, turkeys, ducks, geese, ornamental fowl, rabbits, hares, cats and pairs of pigeons and caviars are: First, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$3; fourth, \$2; and 50 cents; third Yellow ribbon and a special purple ribbon for the best bird in each variety. Regular prizes for pens are: First, blue ribbon and \$2; second, red ribbon and \$1; third, Yellow ribbon. The best cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen of all winners in the show will receive a white rose.

P. O. SAFE BLOWN AND \$1,500 STOLEN.

(Special from United Press.) Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The post office at Balston Spa was entered early today by four men and the safe blown open with nitro-glycerine. The burglars escaping with \$1,000 in cash and \$500 in stamps.

R. GIBNEY CONDEMNS STOVAIN

WOULD HESITATE LONG TIME ABOUT ALLOWING ITS USE ON HIM, HE SAYS.

New York Medical Journal Quotes Bridgeporter Among Others in Article Dealing With Spinal Anesthesia.

As one of the contributors to the New York Medical Journal, Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, the eminent surgeon of New York and this city, throws cold water upon the practicability of the much mooted by Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, now in America. Dr. Gibney, personally supervised several operations under the supervision of Dr. Jonnesco, at the hospital for the Relief of the Ruptured and Grippled. While it is pointed out in the article, parts of which are now public, that the operations in which Dr. Gibney figured, were more favorable than others made with the Jonnesco method, Dr. Gibney is quoted as saying:

"Personally, however, I should hesitate a long while before I allowed any high injection of any solution into my spinal canal. The vascular supply within the canal is too rich, and the danger of hemorrhage induced thereby sufficiently great to make me prefer local anesthesia or anesthesia through the respiratory tract."

The consensus of opinion, as gathered by the medical publication, is that the use of stovaine or other spinal anesthetics should be confined to certain cases such as in operations where vomiting after operations, which usually follows respiratory anesthesia, would be dangerous to the patient. These would include bowel surgery, advanced disease of the heart and lungs and the like. Attention is called to a Philadelphia case in which one of the surgeons says the patient narrowly escaped death, and underwent the operation at last under ether.

The article credits Dr. Jonnesco with having achieved remarkable skill in the use of spinal anesthetics, but also cautions to the use of his methods two decades and more ago, in this country.

BALL PLAYER DOWNY WEDS

John J., Brother of Tommy Downy, United to Miss Myrtle Feller.

Groom Soon to Enter Ranks of Professional Game with Class B Club.

Miss Myrtle Augusta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Feller of 652 Broad street, was united in marriage, this morning, to Mr. John J. Downy, of 463 Stillman street, at the Sacred Heart church, the ceremony being performed at the parish mass, 7:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. T. R. Sweeney. The bride was attended by Miss Lillian Colgan, while Thomas Downy, the groom, was accompanied by a brother of the groom, a member of the Cincinnati National league baseball club and a brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride wore a suit of white silk and carried a bouquet of poinsettias. The bride's maid wore a suit of cherry colored dress. The groom wore a tuxedo, as simply and quietly as possible, because of the recent death of the groom's father. However, a goodly number of the friends of the couple knew of the nuptials, and were present at the church ceremony.

Following the marriage ceremony the bride and groom retired to the home of the bride's parents on Broad street where at 9 o'clock, only the immediate relatives of the contracting party were present. The wedding breakfast, after which a reception was held.

The couple attempted to steal a march on their friends by the time they left the house, but when they arrived by automobile at the railroad station were surprised to see their many friends gathered on the platform.

The bride and groom left in a vol of rice and confetti. They left on the express to New York. The bride's going away gown was a suit of raisin colored broad cloth with hat to match. On their return to this city Mr. and Mrs. Downy will reside on Orchard street, where the groom has fitted up a flat.

The bride is well known in the South End, and is one of Bridgeport's most estimable young ladies. The groom for a number of years past has been quite prominent in amateur and semi-professional baseball circles. He is the center of the circle of the professionals and will play with one of the prominent Class B teams.

ACCUSED THIEF HELD IN BAIL.

Bridgeport Appears to Have First Call on Men Who Robbed Home of Mrs. Carroll.

In the city court, this morning, Louis Potts, Hollister avenue, who was charged with theft from the person of Miss Ostrombolski in the 25c store, Wednesday night, was bound over to the criminal superior court. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 which was furnished.

F. J. Wildman was fined \$5 and costs and sentenced to 15 days in jail for abusing his wife.

John Sares was sent to jail for 30 days for drunkenness and vagrancy. He was at the Pottam palace, where Court Officer Christopher Finnegan and occupied by the houses and teams of his brother Thomas on Willard St. He had forced himself into the house and had lighted several matches in there. He was arrested by Special Patrolman Michael Luciano and Patrolman McGovern.

Andrew Robertson and George McCue fell asleep in each others arms at the top of a flight of stairs, yesterday. They were arrested by Patrolman J. P. Coughlin. Both were released on a suspension of judgment. Robertson lost \$18 while celebrating. He said he had a room in the house where he was found.

Ameco Riccio was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$5 and costs for beating his wife. He wanted to spend the holidays out of jail and appealed. He furnished \$75 bail.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street Fairfield avenue, and Cannon street.

Bridgeport, Conn., Friday, December 24, 1909.

The Weather—Cloudy, light snow or rain tomorrow night.

The store will be open only till 10 o'clock tonight.

A word of business.

Till the very minute of 10 tonight, we shall be ready to meet every demand you may make upon us. Christmas stocks are still fairly large. If you are disappointed in finding one thing, there are other equally-good gift articles—lots and lots of them. Your last-minute needs are sure to be filled satisfactorily.

A word of thanks.

On the eve of Christmas, we wish to say how much we appreciate the business and the help you have given us during this shopping season. Dollars have flowed in a mighty steady stream. We thank you for them. Courtesies and helpfulness have flowed in as broad and deep a stream. We want to thank you just as heartily for them. It has been worth much to have such cheerful help from you. It has made work lighter for each member of the force; we shall all enjoy Christmas itself all the more because the Christmas spirit has been ruling shoppers so generally for the past days and weeks.

A Merry Christmas.

To you all; to customers who brought the business, to members of the force who served those customers so faithfully, to the extra sales-folks who have done wonderfully well under trying conditions, to the delivery-folks who worked like beavers—to each sharer in the burdens and the pleasures of this holiday business the store gives its best wishes for

A Christmas that's merry and A New Year that's happy.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

ARMSTRONG CLAIMS \$1,000 DAMAGES.

Bias Narrow Fabric Co. and H. R. Mitchell Are Defendants.

The Bias Narrow Fabric Co. which has a plant in the grey stone building at Oak and George streets and Henry R. Mitchell, a stockholder in the company are the defendants in a suit brought by John Armstrong, formerly connected with the company. Mr. Armstrong claims \$1,000 damages alleging that the company has been manufacturing fancy stitch bias fabric under his patent and has refused to pay him his royalties as agreed upon. City Sheriff Thomas Cunningham served the papers yesterday and a bond was furnished by the defendants.

The plaintiff claims that March 4, 1908, an agreement was made by which the company under his patent was to manufacture certain fabrics and pay him royalty at the rate of 5 cents per gross. This agreement was in force until October 27, 1908, February 10, 1909, Mr. Armstrong assigned to Mr. Mitchell, by absolute deed, the royalties for the purpose of collection. Mr. Armstrong assumed that since Mr. Mitchell was one of the company it would be easier for him to collect the royalties than for him, Mr. Armstrong to do so.

The plaintiff claims further that no accounting has been made to him by Mr. Mitchell nor has he received any of the royalty due him. The plaintiff asks for an accounting and a judgment for the amount found due on such accounting. Judge E. K. Nicholson appears for Mr. Armstrong, who is now connected with the Manufacturing Development Co., Room 212, in the Newfield building.

Fourteen Xmas Trees For Kaiser's Family.

(Special from United Press.) Berlin, Dec. 24.—Fourteen Christmas trees are being prepared today for the celebration of the Kaiser and his family at the Potsdam palace. The trees are being erected in one room. There are two tall ones for the Kaiser and the Empress, seven smaller ones for the six sons and one daughter of the emperor, three for the three young Princesses who have married sons of the Kaiser and two tiny trees for the babies of the Crown Prince and Princess.

Christmas is strictly a "Home occasion" in the Kaiser's family and tomorrow's celebration will adhere to the old German customs. The whole imperial family will join hands around the Christmas trees and sing a Christmas carol.

Then will follow the Christmas dinner, at which the traditional carp and lebkuchen will be served.

VERDICT OF GUILTY AGAINST BANKER STEALING \$400,000.

(Special from United Press.) Canton, O., Dec. 24.—A jury at Lisbon today returned a verdict of guilty against W. L. Davis, former vice-president of the Canton State Bank, which failed four years ago. He was tried on an indictment charging him with illegally taking 250 shares of stock from the bank and hypothecating it to secure a personal loan. The jury reported after being out 19 hours.

Counsel entered a motion for a new trial and signified that they would give bail for Davis.

Prosecutor Critchbaum laid evidence before the jury intended to show that the bank's failure was caused by Davis borrowing from it over \$400,000 with which to finance many private projects.

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